



Transport for NSW

McKanes Bridge upgrade – start of stage two work

Project update | January 2021

The NSW Government is investing \$10 million to upgrade the McKanes Bridge over Coxs River on McKanes Falls Road at South Bowenfels to ensure the bridge can meet the current and future safe operational needs of the road network.

Project overview

The NSW Government is upgrading the McKanes Bridge over Coxs River on McKanes Falls Road at South Bowenfels. The work includes replacement of the existing bridge with a safer, stronger and more reliable bridge which still has the appearance and heritage aspects of the original.

Transport for NSW has completed stage one of the upgrade work. Work included vegetation removal, relocating powerlines downstream of the bridge, site establishment with site compounds and work areas

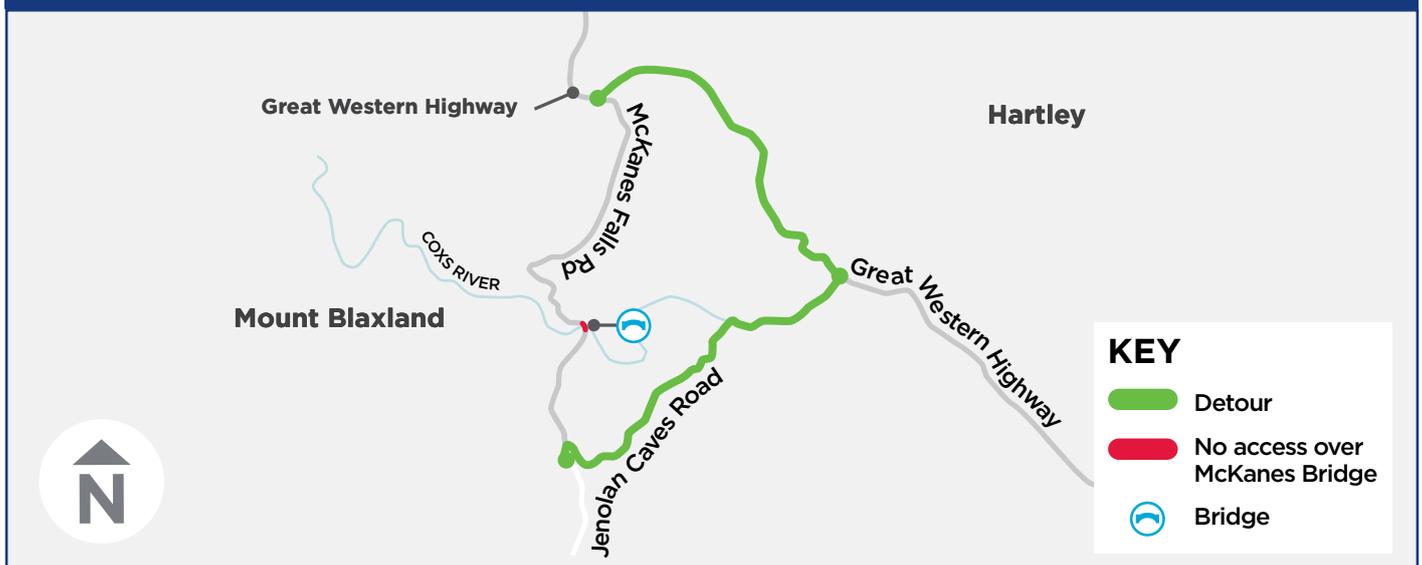
constructed on either side of the bridge, and installation of a temporary support steel structure.

The second stage of the upgrade work will start from **Monday 18 January 2021**.

Work will include dismantling and restoring the existing bridge components, strengthening the existing truss with new steel and timber elements, strengthening the existing foundations with concrete, as well as other roadworks and landscaping.

The full upgrade is expected to be complete by late 2021, weather permitting.

McKanes Falls Road Detour Map



Key features of the project

- Upgrading the structural capacity of the bridge
- Retaining the original McDonald timber truss design
- Upgrading critical structural elements of the bridge with superior and more durable elements
- Upgrading the existing bridge to allow safe use by vehicles up to general mass limit (GML) standard.

Project background

McKanes Bridge is one of NSW's oldest timber truss bridges.

McKanes Bridge was built in 1893 and is one of only four remaining McDonald timber truss bridges in NSW. Its restoration will ensure one of the oldest examples of a McDonald timber truss bridge in NSW is conserved.

What are we doing now?

Transport for NSW is starting the second stage of the upgrade work of McKanes Bridge at South Bowenfels from **Monday 18 January 2021**.

Work will include dismantling and restoring the existing bridge components, strengthening the existing truss with new steel and timber elements, strengthening the existing foundations with concrete, as well as other roadworks and landscaping.

To carry out the work, the bridge will be closed during stage two. The full upgrade is expected to be complete by late 2021 weather permitting.

What will happen during the work?

McKanes Bridge will be closed to traffic from **Monday 18 January 2021** with a detour in operation via Jenolan Caves Road and the Great Western Highway.

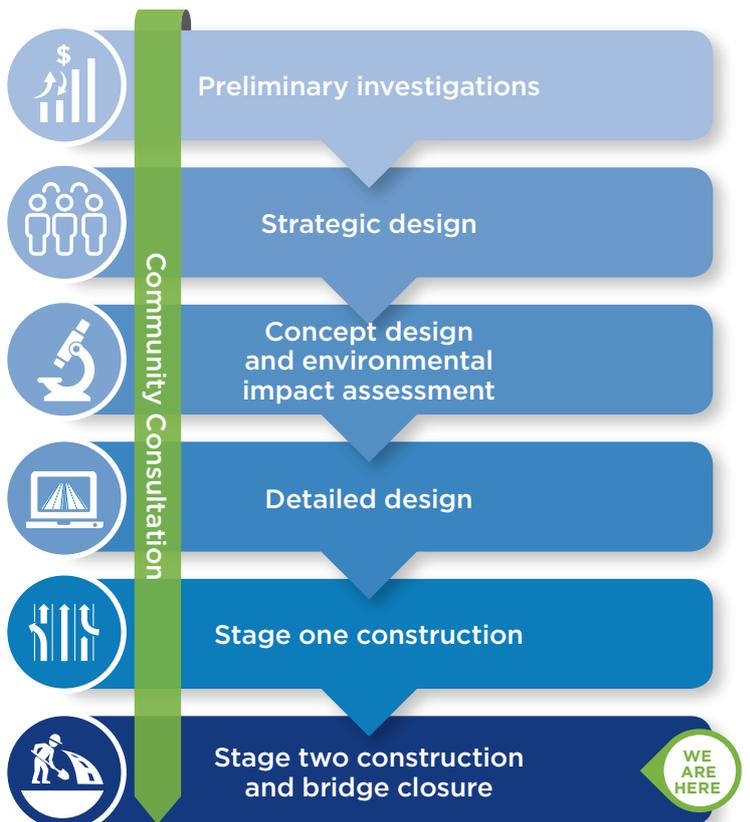
Work hours will be between **7am** and **6pm Monday** to **Friday** and, where required, on some **Saturdays** between **8am** and **1pm**, weather permitting.

Work will involve the use of machinery, which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations and turning off plant and machinery when not in use.

We will let you know in advance if we need to work outside these times.

Please allow up to five minutes extra travel time. Thank you for your patience.

What happens next?



Where can I find more information?

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